

Models and Languages for Computational Systems Biology

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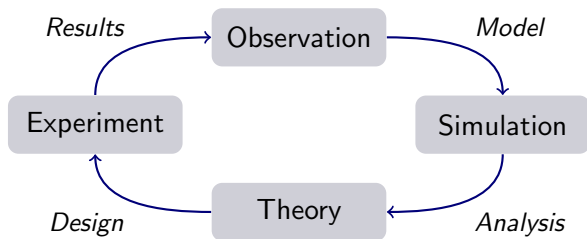
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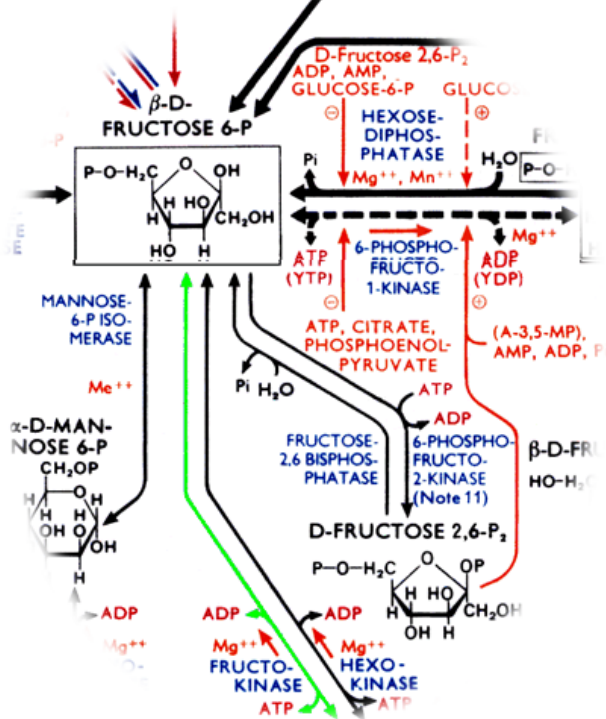
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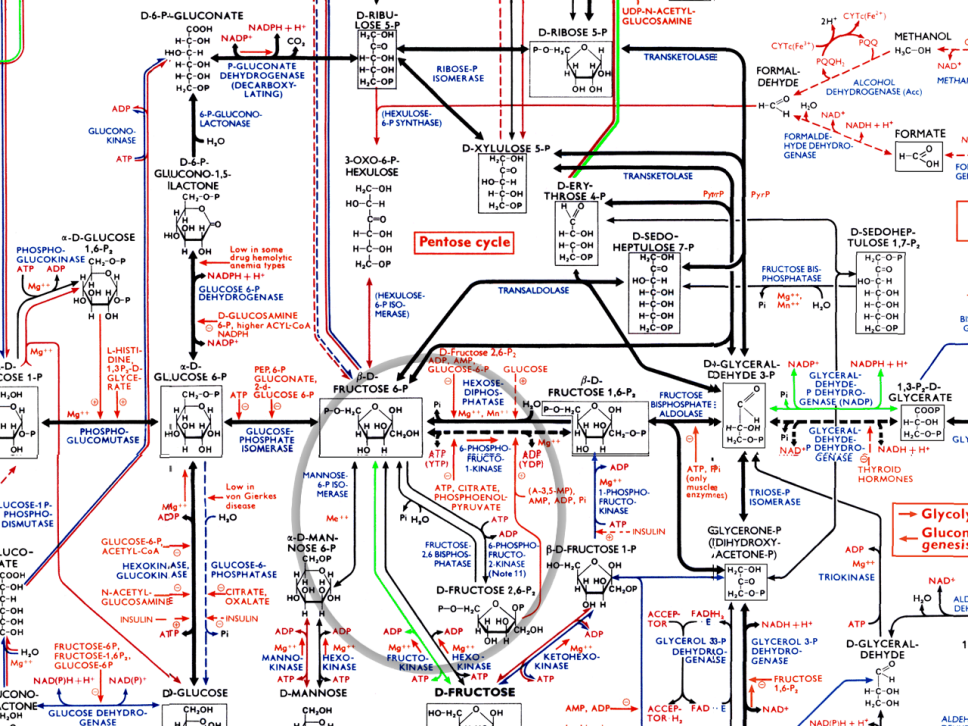
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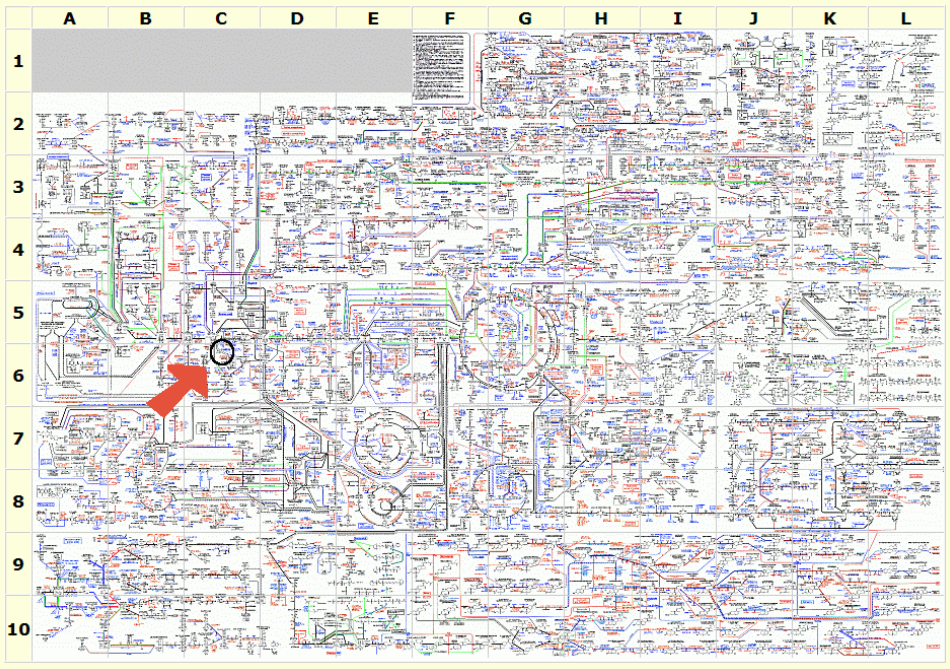
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Processes

- Metabolic networks
- Regulatory systems: promotion, inhibition
- Signalling pathways
- Gene expression: translation, transcription

Models

- Discrete time, continuous time
- Discrete space, continuous space
- Deterministic, nondeterministic, probabilistic
- Qualitative, quantitative

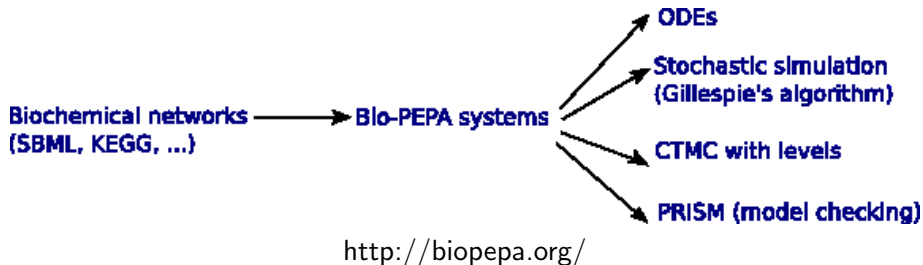
This course explores a variety of mathematical models for biological pathways, and introduces formally precise languages to describe and reason about biological processes.

- **Petri Nets:** Dynamic system behaviour; analysis of network properties.
- **Temporal Logics:** Linear time and branching time; model checking.
- **Markov Systems:** Probabilistic behaviour in continuous time.
- **Stochastic Simulation:** Gillespie algorithm; reaction kinetics.
- **Qualitative vs. Quantitative Analyses:** Differential equations.
- **Biological Process Algebras:** Modularity and compositional reasoning.

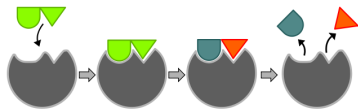
Example: Petri Nets

<http://genome.ib.sci.yamaguchi-u.ac.jp/~pnp/>

Example: BioPEPA



Example Process: Enzyme Catalysis



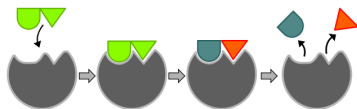
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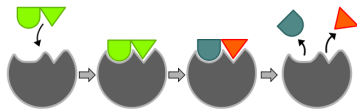
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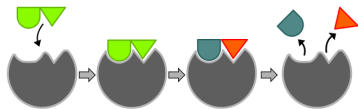
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ODEs

$$x'_2 = -k_1 x_4 x_2 + \dots$$

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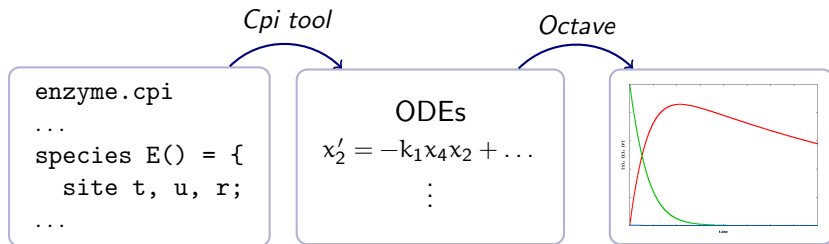


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